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On 12 March 1954, when source was at the Volkswerft Stralsund (the Stralsund nationalized shipyard), he found out that the submarine concerned was to be entirely reconditioned. He was to get four torpedo tubes. Her electrical equipment and the storage battery were entirely unserviceable. The new gear required for her reconditioning was being manufactured at the VEB Elektro-Apparate Werke (Electrical Apparatus Works) in Berlin-Treptow. The old periscopes also were entirely unusable, and new ones were to be manufactured by the Carl Zeiss firm in Jena. Her engines were to be replaced by engines from stocks left by the former German Navy and, of course, needed thorough overhaul prior to being installed.

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Comment. The funds needed for the reconditioning of the submarine will approximate the cost of a new submarine.

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